



Osage Beach Elementary School

***District: Camdenton R-III School
District***

Enrollment: 242

Grade Range: K-5



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Osage Beach Elementary at a Glance...

At Osage Beach Elementary, failing is not an option! Children have the privilege of being part of a safe, cheerful learning environment where teachers sincerely care about their students and about each other. Osage Beach Elementary is one of four elementary schools in the Camdenton R-III School District, where excellence in education is a long-standing tradition. The community shares the belief that high expectations guarantee success for all students, regardless of socio-economic status, limited experience, or cultural background.

Though Osage Beach Elementary is small, the district is facing an unprecedented growth in student population. Camdenton R-III Schools are noting a more diversified student population with students of Russian, Spanish, Chinese, and Indian ethnic backgrounds, as well as an increasing number of students from low-income families. The positive environment at Osage Beach Elementary motivates both students and staff by providing a foundation for continuous learning where students develop life skills, as well as respect for themselves and others.

Osage Beach Elementary's mission: To promote academic excellence and responsible citizenship.

Positive Climate as a Gateway to Academic Excellence

Priorities at Osage Beach Elementary begin with a focus on school climate. High expectations for standards of behavior for everyone lead to a positive environment with genuine acceptance of all children. The Osage Beach learning community shares a code of honor, giving grace and mercy to one another. A Fight Free Program encourages students to become responsible for their own actions. Each classroom flies a flag to show pride in remaining Fight Free, and a Fight Free celebration at the end of each quarter honors students who have remained Fight Free. Osage Beach Elementary teachers, likewise, flourish in an environment that encourages professionalism, respect, and lifelong learning. This safe, positive environment encourages all students and staff to be active participants in learning and sets the stage for the academic excellence that the school's families and community have come to expect.

Camdenton R-III Schools are fully accredited by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and have earned “distinction in performance” accolades. Osage Beach Elementary’s excellent administration and teaching staff are focused on doing their part to support academic success in their school. Teachers facilitate learning, critical thinking and problem-solving, and work to ensure that their instructional methods are as varied as the needs of their student population. They are skilled in diagnosing learning problems and can seek the help of a Teacher Assistance Team if their interventions are unsuccessful. Mainstream classroom instruction, along with special assistance from an ELL teacher meets the needs of the growing population of students who are English Language Learners. Writing is stressed in every area of the curriculum, with cross-curricular units lending themselves to all types of writing including nonfiction, expository and narrative. Technological resources integrate the curriculum and enhance students’ learning experiences.

“IN THEIR OWN WORDS...”

- **“We believe that students need to be actively involved in their own learning process in order to become responsible citizens.”**
- **“An essential educational need that each student presents is diagnostic evaluation. If a student is having a problem in learning, a teacher must identify the problem by the symptoms, find the cause, and seek a solution.”**
- **“Nothing accelerates success like building upon a child’s unique individual strengths.”**

Learning as a Cooperative Effort

Everyone connected with Camdenton R-III Schools believes that all students can learn and need to be willing learners. Therefore, educating the children of Osage Beach Elementary School is very much a collaborative effort joining home, school and community. Students’ daily planners ensure ongoing communication between home and school. Parents check planners, respond and write information, and sign the planner daily. The Parent’s Guide to the Curriculum keeps families abreast of academic expectations, and a MAP Night for Parents gives parents an opportunity to discuss the interpretation of assessment results. Many Osage Beach Elementary parents are involved in the district volunteer program, which trains them to assist in classrooms, help with one-on-one reading, and assist teachers with copying and classroom projects. An active Parent Teacher Organization promotes the learning community, helps to provide activities for the enjoyment of Osage Beach Elementary students, and supports the school’s efforts financially.

A variety of community partnerships assist in the educational process at Osage Beach Elementary, as well. The school recognizes that it fulfills the needs of business partners by promoting character building, developing responsible citizens who will be capable of working in those businesses. In turn, community businesses provide programs for the school and help students in building literacy skills, civic awareness and self-confidence. The Osage Beach business community is visible in the school through such programs as Delta Dental, a program promoting dental hygiene; Business Leaders as Readers, which pairs adults with students for one-on-one reading; and Soaring with Eagles, a Big Surf Water Park reading incentive program.

“GOLD STAR” PRACTICES

- **The Cultural Kaleidoscope assembly gives students insight into different countries and diverse cultures.**
- **“Careers on Wheels” gives younger students an opportunity to explore career options, allowing them to climb aboard a fire truck or look inside an ambulance.**
- **Students may audition to be part of the physical education program’s Juggling Team, which meets weekly to practice.**

Osage Beach Elementary knows that it takes a caring learning environment, dedicated teachers, enthusiastic parents and a strong community to educate a child. Success for every student is a way of life.